



Supporting Military Children & Families

Stafford County Public Schools



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17 Elementary Schools combined

11,717 students Grade Pre K - 5

8 Middle Schools

6,355 students Grades 6 - 8

5 High Schools

9,202 students Grades 9 - 12

TOTAL 27,274 students



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Impact Aid

2014 - 23.42% military presence

2013 - 24.82% military presence

2012 - 23.98% military presence

The number of students reported for FY2015 Impact Aid Grant application (school year 2013-2014) are as follows :

Uniformed Services (active duty military) = 2,819

Military with IEPs = 174

Civilian working on federally owned property = 3,324

Active duty student data by age and branch of service as of June 2013

County	Service	Children by Age														
		Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Total
Stafford	Army	46	35	49	45	31	34	48	34	33	32	50	31	38	34	540
Stafford	Coast Guard	9	9	6	8	9	12	13	15	11	10	13	16	12	16	159
Stafford	Air Force	21	18	20	16	18	21	26	24	24	25	26	27	31	16	313
Stafford	Marine Corps	142	115	123	119	117	112	122	131	105	97	117	80	82	79	1,541
Stafford	Navy	15	18	11	19	18	20	27	19	22	19	22	25	21	15	271

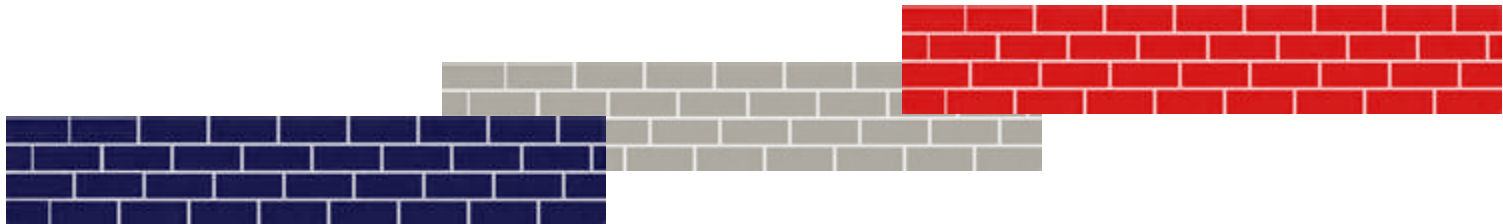
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Our Schools' Military Support Activities



Stafford County Public Schools

Honor Walls



Anthony Burns Elementary



Park Ridge Elementary



Park Ridge Elementary celebrated the “Month of the Military Child” in April. They recognized military children by creating a “Hall of Heroes” where the students and staff posted pictures of themselves with service members to include a parent, child, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.



PURPLE UP!

Purple symbolizes all branches of the military...
Army Green + Marine Corps Red + Coast Guard,
Navy, and Air Force Blue

Purple Up Activities

APRIL - MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

To help recognize our military families' service and sacrifice,
Conway will be participating in the

3rd Annual "Purple Up!" Monday, April 15th

Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H invites everyone across the state of Virginia to wear purple on Monday, April 15th. Purple symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green; Marine red; and Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force blue. Purple Up! acts as a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

We hope everyone will take this opportunity to celebrate these young heroes!
So wear your purple proudly on Monday, April 15th.

We will also be creating a Wall of Heroes

We want to honor our Service members, their children and families. As a way for us to get involved in this recognition we will be creating a Wall of Heroes.

A Wall of Heroes includes a photo of the Service member and the child(ren) with a ribbon at the corner to fill in with the first name of the child(ren) and their relationship to the Service member. It is a great way to recognize our Service members and their families within our Conway community.



To participate, simply use the back of this sheet. Place a picture of the Service member and the child(ren) in the center. Then fill in the ribbon in the corner as described above. (Note: Photos will not be returned.) Then bring the finished frame into school so we can begin to create our Conway Wall of Heroes. Thank you military children and families!

Conway Elementary

Purple Up Activities

Brooke Point High School


Celebrated "The Month of the Military Child" last year with the "Purple Up for the Military Child" theme. All names of students whose parents/guardians/family members were active, reserve, or retired (almost 500 names) were posted on a bulletin board.

Showing students they are not alone and highlighted their sacrifice. Some of these students have moved 5 times in high school.



Workshop

Conway Elementary Presents a Workshop ★



**Military Families—
Would you like to have a
thorough overview of
resource agencies and
services that the
military offers to
families?**

This workshop is open to any military family member who would like more information on the services and resources available. It is for any branch of service, active duty, reservists, or national guard families.

Our speaker this evening will be *Joyce Murphy*, family services representative for Quantico.

Date: November 6, 2006
Time: 6:30—7:30 PM
Place: Conway Elementary School Library

Please RSVP to Conway School Counselors so that we may accommodate you:
361-1455 or snowlm@staffordschools.net

★ **Thank you to all our Armed Forces and
Happy Veterans Day**

**Conway
Elementary**

**Workshop on
services available
to military families**

Training

Easing the Transition of Military-Connected Children in Virginia Schools: An Overview of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

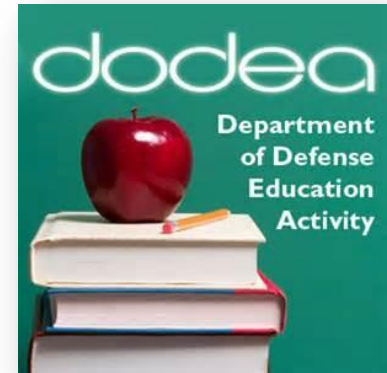
Training provided last year by Melissa Luchau from the Military Family Education Liaison, Virginia Department of Education, to Principals

Training then provided in April (Month of the Military Child) to Assistant Principals and Specialists.



Staff Development

Each year, 75- 100 SCPS educators attend the MCB Quantico Education Symposium. Additionally, students have presented at both the DoDEA Educator Conference and the MCB Quantico Education Symposium.



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MCB Quantico School Liaison provided training to all SCPS Counselors regarding the needs of the military family, the Interstate Compact, and programs available from Marine Corp Family Team Building and FOCUS in 2012.



Videos

SCPS educators participated in the filming of the
[Military Kids Connect Video](#)



Also, [Colonial Forge HS](#) submitted a video last year
for the Education Symposium

[Play Video](#)

Serving the Community



MCB Quantico worked with SCPS to support donations of school supplies for families in need.

Toys for Tots Volunteer Day on November 5, 2014. Over 100 students volunteered at the Toys for Tots Warehouse



Military Family Appreciation Night

Rockhill Elementary

Military Families invited to receive information from various armed services branches. Several representatives attended and explained their services and how a family can easily access them.



Child care was provided and activities related to being a military child were coordinated in the school activity room.

Parade



Park Ridge Elementary

Veteran's Day Celebration, November 11, 2014

During the Parade of Honor, individuals that represent all branches of the military service (active duty and retired) came in uniform, walked down the aisle with others in the same branch of service, and sat on stage to be serenaded.

Park Ridge children, siblings or other family members walked down the aisle to represent their deployed family service members.

Deployment Groups

Anthony Burns Elementary

Falmouth Elementary

Rockhill Elementary

Rocky Run Elementary

Rodney Thompson Middle



Rodney Thompson Middle

Established a group for
military families in
collaboration with
the FOCUS Program
Families
Over
Coming
Under
Stress

The F•O•C•U•S Program

FOCUS presents a workshop for military students



Deployments affect both the service member and the family as routines and roles are disrupted. Children may experience challenges before, during and after a parent's deployment.

The FOCUS Program

FOCUS (Families OverComing Under Stress) is a resiliency-building program designed for military families and children facing the multiple challenges of combat operational stress during wartime. FOCUS promotes family strengths and supports parents to help manage the challenges of military life. FOCUS was developed at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior in collaboration with the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress and Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School.



F•O•C•U•S

FOCUS Club for RTMS Students

Students of military families, this is a great opportunity for you! Come together for fun, learning and community building. Enjoy games, painting, clay, discussions and more during this fun and interactive, weekly club.

Some beneficial skills you'll learn are...

- * Recognize your emotions and how you manage them.
- * Plan ways to gain support from family and friends or share support for others.
- * Practice ways to communicate effectively with friends and family members.
- * Learn strategies for staying connected to a deployed parent or reconnecting with a returning parent.
- * Discuss blogs written by other military teens about their experiences and how they relate to us personally.
- * Create a hand-crafted book of strategies for coping and thriving through potential challenges to come.

Fridays, Dec. 9 - Feb 3

8:20am - 9:00am (Jag Time)

Students must reserve a space in this group. Please RSVP by detaching lower portion on back of this flyer and return it to school by Nov. 21

To sign up or for more information, call: Mrs Cox

(540) 658-6430 or email: coxtj@staffordschools.net

Military Mail & Care Packages

Margaret Brent Elementary

Sent out cards and letters. They also work with Quantico's FOCUS program to provide Military Kids Clubs to our students.

Gayle Middle

Sends valentine care packages to our service members serving in Afghanistan.



Events

Freedom Isn't Free Veterans' Day Celebration



Shirley C. Heim MS

November 9, 2012

Parents and veterans welcome



New Military Student
Ice cream social at
Brooke Point High

Veterans Day lunch at
Rodney Thompson Middle
with their students
band playing

Widewater Elementary

Collects pictures & displays
them in front of the school

To make new military students feel welcome

Park Ridge Elementary

has Welcome Wagon Groups and classroom
Ambassadors that buddy with incoming
military students

Socks for Soldiers from
AG Wright MS

Pastries for Patriots Program

Winding Creek Elementary



- Students at Winding Creek spent time with veterans in their community at the their annual “Pastries for Patriots” event.
- Assembled at the flagpole, the Pledge of Allegiance led by students whose parents are currently deployed. Music teacher led students in singing the Star Spangled Banner, and then played the anthem for each branch of the military
- Kindergarten teacher works with an organization called Blue/Gold Star Mothers Group



Thank you from Stafford County Public Schools